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TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION, NOVEMBER 1976

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1. GOC NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DANGEROUS DRUGS IS PLANNING TO SPONSOR NATIONAL SEMINAR ON DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND REHABILITATION AT MEDELLIN--COLOMBIA'S SECOND LARGEST CITY--IN MID-NOVEMBER. SEMINAR, WHICH IS BEING ARRANGED BY GOC MINHEALTH WITH COLLABORATION OF THE STATE MENTAL HOSPITAL IN MEDELLIN, WILL BRING TOGETHER ABOUT 25 COLOMBIAN PSYCHIATRISTS, PSYCHOLOGISTS, AND SOCIAL WORKERS SPECIALIZING IN DRUG ABUSE REDUCTION AND REHABILITATION TO DISCUSS NEW METHODS IN THEIR FIELDS. TENTATIVE DATES FOR SEMINAR ARE NOVEMBER 15, 16, 17. IT WILL LIKELY BE HELD AT ANTIOQUIA STATE MENTAL HOSPITAL, WHICH BOASTS ONE OF THE BEST DRUG REHABILITATION CENTERS IN COLOMBIA.

2. NATIONAL COUNCIL IS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTING SERVICES OF
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DR. DAVID LEWIS OF HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL TO LEAD THREE

SEMINAR SESSIONS, ONE ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE AMONG JUVENILES, ANOTHER ON TECHNIQUES OF GROUP THERAPY FOR DRUG ABUSE, AND A THIRD ON TECHNIQUES OF FAMILY THERAPY AS RELATED TO DRUG ABUSE. COUNCIL IS ALSO SEEKING ANOTHER EXPERT--PERHAPS FROM NIDA--TO LEAD SEMINAR SESSIONS ON DEVELOPMENT OF DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS WITHIN THE EDUCATION SYSTEM AND IN THE COMMUNITY. MINHEALTH WILL PROVIDE ENGLISH-SPANISH INTERPRETATION SERVICES AS NECESSARY.

3. COUNCIL IS ALSO PLANNING TO INVITE OTHER EXPERT PARTICIPATION FROM PUERTO RICO, MEXICO, AND PERHAPS OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AS WELL.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: RECOMMEND S/NM AND NIDA CONSIDER FUNDING SEMINAR PARTICIPATION BY TWO US DRUG ABUSE REDUCTION AND TREATMENT SPECIALISTS AS OUTLINED IN PARA TWO ABOVE. MISSION WILL SUPPLY ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON PLANNED SEMINAR AS THESE ARE WORKED OUT. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT MISSION WILL PROVIDE SOME OTHER LIMITED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SEMINAR UNDER EXISTING BILATERAL NARCOTICS CONTROL PROJECT AGREEMENTS. THESE AGREEMENTS DO NOT, HOWEVER, INCLUDE PROVISION FOR PAYMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL BY PARTICIPANTS.
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